

Planning application – Design, Access & Supporting Statement

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Property name Sharps Copse Childrens Centre

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Property address : Prospect Lane, Havant, PO9 5PE

Works Errect new section of boundary fencing (in-part) to school grounds.

Existing Building and Site

Both Sharps Copse Primary School and Sharps Copse Childrens Centre share the site, constructed in the early 1960's. The section of existing chain-link fencing to be replaced is adjacent to a footpath running parrallel to the school boundary on the East elevation. On the other side of the footpath is a grassed area and playpark. Residential properties surround the site on all four boundaries.

The site is located within the area of Havant but it is considered that the proposed works will have no detrimental effect on the area. No work to trees are envisaged, maintaining the continuity of the existing frontage.

Brief

The school approached HCC Property Services due to a number of issues arising which relate to the security of the site.

The main of these issues is one of unauthorised access to the site when the building is not operational. On a large number of occasions groups of youths have been seen to gather on the site during the evenings resulting in vandalism to the school building and equipment within the school grounds.

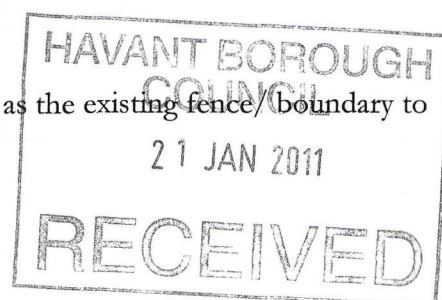
Unauthorised access to the site also leads to littering within the grounds. The school has also raised concerns in terms of the safeguarding of pupils on the site during normal working hours from unauthorised access by others.

Design Principles

The fencing proposed is designed to provide maximum security and prevent unauthorised access to the grounds. The existing fencing which is to be replace consists of chain-link fencing, which is broken down in areas, but in order to make the new fencing blend in as much as possible the propsoals are to provide this galvanised and then polyester powder coated green RAL 6005. The fencing will be constructed at a height no more than 1.8m other than as shown in Drawing P8973/001 - 002.

Design Solutions

The route of the new fence is to follow on exactly the same line as the existing fence/ boundary to the site.



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John Timms the site manager was consulted, to discuss the schools requirements. No disturbance to trees or their roots are anticipated as part of these fencing works.

Powder coating of the fencing was also discussed in order to minimise the visual impact of the fencing within the area of the grounds.

Access and Inclusion Principles

The pedestrian gate to be installed to provide access to the rear of the school will provide a 1200mm clear opening and will be suitable for wheelchair users. The existing path will not be changed in any way and already provides level access to the rear of the school. The fencing, being green will provide a suitable colour contrast for the visually impaired. When opened the gate will be provided with a drop down bolt to enable this to be locked into the open position so aiding access.

Buildings & Plant/Servicing

N/A

Highways

N/A

Environmental Protection

Works will be undertaken during normal working hours and may include school term times as noise will be minimal. If works are to be undertaken during school term time adequate segregation will be required between the contractors operatives, pupils, staff and visitors to the site.

Landscape Design

As described previously the route of the fence line follows exactly the line of the existing fencing with no affect on surrounding trees.

Ecology/Biodiversity

N/A.

Sustainability

N/A

Archaeology

N/A